



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Michael Whitsett

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GROUP ART UNIT: 3673

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EXAMINER: SAFAVI, Michael

FOR: "Piling Apparatus and Method of Installation"

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RESPONSE

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Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated May 2, 2003. A shortened statutory period was set to expire three months from the date of the Office Action, making a response due by August 2, 2003.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as follows (additions are underlined and deletions are shown in strikeout):